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## Mulberry Inn Anywhere

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"The Mulberry Inn is a select property with 102 upgraded guest rooms each including a micro/refrigerator, wireless internet and complimentary breakfast. Our property also offers a state of the art weight room and cardio room, with a great outdoor pool and a large sunning area.

We decided to join Virginia Green because we want to do our part for preserving and protecting the environment."

### GREEN ACTIVITIES

☒ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspaper, office paper
- Have recycling bins located: at each end of each building
- Also recycle office paper, cardboard,

#### Guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items

#### Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

#### Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

#### Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms

#### Office

- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)



**Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
  - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)



**Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

Heating and cooling

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms

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For more information on the Mulberry Inn, see [www.Mulberryinnva.com](http://www.Mulberryinnva.com) or contact Cathy Clark at [clark925@aol.com](mailto:clark925@aol.com) or 757-887-3000.

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The program has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen) or [www.virginiagreentravel.org](http://www.virginiagreentravel.org).

